

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:35-36-3  
(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Gill House

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/36/3 Somerset H.D. 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21 D-14

4. Address: 4709 Cumberland Avenue, Chevy Chase

## 5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	Title and Date:	<u>1976 Inventory of</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>N/A</u>		<u>Historical Sites</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>		
Accessible	<u>no</u>	Federal	<u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u>
Present use	<u>private residence</u>		

6. Date: c. 1901

7. Original Owner: Miles Fuller

## 8. Apparent Condition

a. good b. altered c. original site

9. Description: This three bay by three bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces south. The house has brown-stained wooden shingles. The south porch wraps around to the east elevation. It has a half-hipped roof supported by three shingled corner posts and seven columns on square shingled bases. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. There is a one story brick addition on the north elevation with a half-hipped roof. There are one-over-one double-hung windows. There is a two story bay on the south elevation. There is a small hipped casement dormer window on the south elevation. The house has a hipped roof with raised seam metal covering.

10. Significance: The area which became "Somerset Heights" was subdivided by five employees of the Department of Agriculture who invested in 50 acres of "Friendship" in 1890. Their promotional brochure, along with an agreement that each initial investor should immediately construct his own dwelling, produced early activity, but construction slowed down by the end of the decade.

One of the five subdividers, Miles Fuller, bought this lot in 1892. He probably built this house around the turn of the century when he was building several others for speculative purposes. Fuller had been chief clerk with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, until he resigned in 1889 to handle business details for the partnership.

The present owners bought the property in 1968.

1. Researcher and date researched: Margaret M. Coleman-10/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Gail C. Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 10,937 Feet

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 35/36/3  
Somerset H.D.  
MAGI#

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Gill House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER 4709 Cumberland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

☒ VICINITY OF Somerset

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Fred and Carol T. Gill

Telephone #: 652-7580

STREET &amp; NUMBER

4709 Cumberland Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

☒ VICINITY OF Somerset

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3818

Folio #: 395

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20850

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

M-NCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland 20855

**7 DESCRIPTION**

M:35-36-3

**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

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This three bay by three bay, two-and-a-half story frame house faces south.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has brown stained shingled exterior walls. The south porch wraps around to the east elevation. It has a half hipped roof supported by three shingled corner posts and seven columns on square shingled bases. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. The south door is glass and wooden paneled. There is a one story brick addition on the north elevation with a half hipped roof.

There are one-over-one double-hung windows; some are flanked by light beige wooden louvered shutters. There is a two story bay window on the south elevation at the southwest corner. There is a horizontal window east of the south door. It is divided into three sections by two decorative mullions. There is a small hipped casement dormer window on the south elevation.

The house has a hipped roof with raised seam metal covering and wide overhanging eaves. There are two interior chimneys on the east and west elevations.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The area which became "Somerset Heights" was subdivided by five employees of the Department of Agriculture who invested in 50 acres of "Friendship" in 1890.<sup>1</sup> Their promotional brochure, along with an agreement that each initial investor should immediately construct his own dwelling, produced early activity, but construction slowed down by the end of the decade.

This lot was sold to Miles Fuller, one of the developers, in 1892.<sup>2</sup> Fuller had been chief clerk with the Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture, until he resigned in 1889. He was responsible for the business details for the partnership and built several houses for speculation around the turn of the century, including this one.<sup>3</sup>

Allison and Anne McQuinn owned the house in 1920 and sold it in that year to Ethel and Florence Burton.<sup>4</sup> The Burtons sold it a year later to Howard and Nina Watkins.<sup>5</sup> After several intervening owners, the present owners bought the property in 1968.

FOOTNOTES:

1. Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA19/489 (June 11, 1890).

2. Ibid., JA34/131 (August 27, 1892).

3. "The Town of Somerset Maryland 1906-1956", Mayor and Council, Town of Somerset.

4. Land Records, op. cit., 298/439 (September 24, 1920).

5. Ibid., 304/391 (June 3, 1921).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Montgomery County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 10,937 Feet**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Lot 19A, Block 1, "Somerset Heights"

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Candy Reed

Margaret M. Coleman

Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

October 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY  
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**Owner Name:** DOWLING, DIANE C &  
HARVEY J ALTER

**Use:** RESIDENTIAL

**Principal Residence:** YES

**Mailing Address:** 4709 CUMBERLAND AVE  
CHEVY CHASE MD 20815-5457

**Deed Reference:** 1) /15173/ 645  
2)

**Location & Structure Information**

**Premises Address** 4709 CUMBERLAND AVE  
CHEVY CHASE 20815

**Zoning** R60

**Legal Description** PT LT 19A SOMERSET H  
EIGHTS 11505-284

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HN21				44		1		80	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town	SOMERSET					
			Ad Valorem						
			Tax Class	09					
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use	
1905			3,144 SF		10,200.00 SF			910	
Stories		Basement		Type				Exterior	
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT				FRAME	

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2001	As Of	As Of
			07/01/2002	07/01/2003
<b>Land:</b>	166,200	289,200		
<b>Improvements:</b>	600,460	607,020		
<b>Total:</b>	766,660	896,220	853,032	896,220
<b>Preferential Land:</b>	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

**Seller:** CAROL T GILL ET AL

**Type:** IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH

**Date:** 09/22/1997

**Deed1:** /15173/ 645

**Price:** \$875,000

**Deed2:**

**Seller:**

**Date:** 06/25/1993

**Price:** \$237,500

**Type:** NOT ARMS-LENGTH

**Deed1:** /11505/ 294

**Deed2:**

**Seller:**

**Date:**

**Price:**

**Type:**

**Deed1:**

**Deed2:**

**Exemption Information**

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO

**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

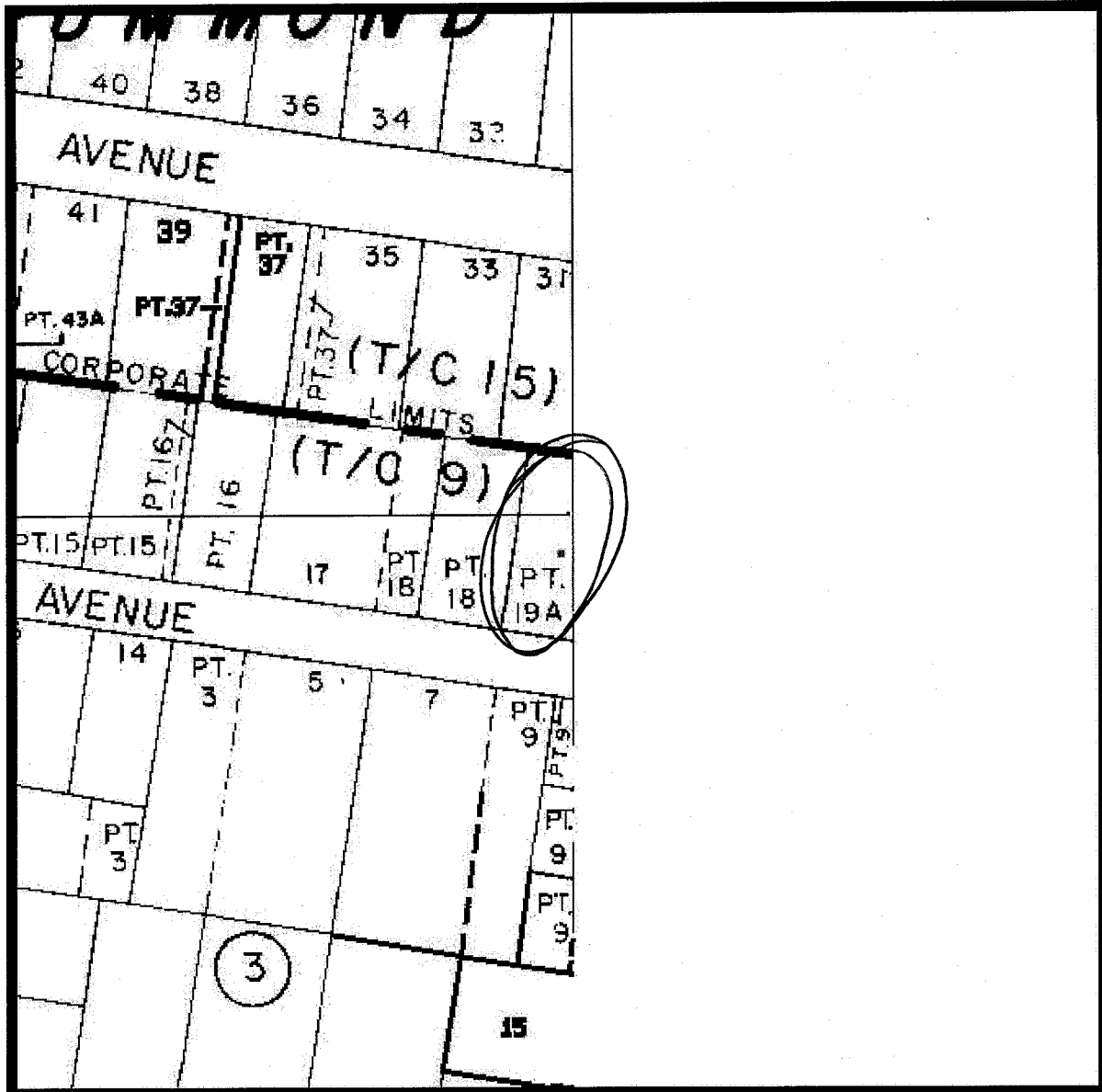
\* NONE \*



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